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SUBJECT: REVIEW OF U.S. POSITION ON AUTOMATIC IMPORT
LICENSING

REF: STATE 140759, JUNE 17, OTTAWA 6666, JULY 22

1. FOLLOWING EXCERPTED FROM DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, TRADE
AND COMMERCE LETTER JULY 29, 1977 REPLYING TO EMBASSY'S
QUESTIONS, REFTEL, ON AUTOMATIC IMPORT LICENSING (AIL)
PRACTICES.

BEGIN QUOTE.

CANADA OPERATES AN AUTOMATIC IMPORT LICENSING (AIL)
SYSTEM ONLY ON CERTAIN SENSITIVE ITEMS, MAINLY IN THE
TEXTILE PRODUCTS SECTOR, THROUGH USE OF THE IMPORT CONTROL
LIST. THE AIL COMPRISES BOTH THE STATISTICAL AND
SURVEILLANCE FUNCTIONS, TO GATHER DATA AND MONITOR THOSE
IMPORTS WHICH HAVE BEEN FOUND TO BE CAUSING OR THREATENING
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SERIOUS INJURY TO DOMESTIC MANUFACTURERS. THE IMPORT
CONTROL LIST AND IMPORT LICENSING IS ALSO UTILIZED TO
ADMINISTER IMPORT QUOTAS INTRODUCED UNDER EITHER GATT
ARTICLE XIX OR ARTICLE 3 OF THE ARRANGEMENT REGARDING
INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES.

CERTAIN DATA OBTAINED THROUGH THE IMPORT SURVEILLANCE

FUNCTION WOULD NOT READILY BE AVAILABLE THROUGH OTHER MEANS. OTHER DATA, SUCH AS IMPORTS OF A SENSITIVE COMMODITY BY SOURCE DURING A SPECIFIC PERIOD, IS COMPILED BY STATISTICS CANADA FROM CUSTOMS ENTRY DOCUMENTS. HOWEVER, THIS DATA IS USUALLY NOT AVAILABLE BEFORE 3 TO 6 MONTHS AFTER THE IMPORTATION, WHICH IN MANY INSTANCES HAS PROVEN TOO LATE TO AVOID OR MINIMIZE THE DISRUPTION IN THE CANADIAN MARKET OR THE INJURY TO OUR INDUSTRIES. I AM ENCLOSING A LIST OF THE PRODUCTS CURRENTLY ON THE IMPORT CONTROL LIST WHICH REQUIRE PERMITS PRIOR TO IMPORTATION. ONLY CERTAIN OF THESE ITEMS, IDENTIFIED BY THE 'AIL' PREFIX, COULD BE TERMED TO BE SUBJECT TO AUTOMATIC IMPORT LICENSING. THE OTHER ITEMS ARE UNDER CONTROL, AND THE LICENSING SYSTEM SERVES IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CONTROLS.

THE AIL IS NOT INTENDED TO RESTRICT IMPORTS. WHEN RESTRAINT ACTION IS REQUIRED, IT IS TAKEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE APPLICABLE INTERNATIONAL PROVISIONS, SAY, IN THE CASE OF TEXTILES, GATT ARTICLE XIX, OR THE ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES. AT SUCH TIME, THE PRODUCT IS NO LONGER CONSIDERED TO BE UNDER AIL.

IN MOST INSTANCES WHERE AIL IS CARRIED OUT FOR SURVEILLANCE OR STATISTICAL FUNCTIONS, IMPORTS FROM ALL UNCLASSIFIED

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SOURCES ARE MONITORED. HOWEVER, IN THOSE INSTANCES WHERE, FOR EXAMPLE, THE TEXTILE AND CLOTHING BOARD HAS IDENTIFIED A THREAT OF INJURY FROM A LIMITED NUMBER OF SOURCES, ONLY THOSE SOURCES MAY BE MADE SUBJECT TO AIL. IN THIS FUNCTION, AIL SERVES AS AN EARLY WARNING SYSTEM, AND OFTEN REDUCES THE NEED TO INTRODUCE PRE-EMPTIVE QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS.

END QUOTE.

2. LETTER, ATTACHING LIST OF COMMODITIES CURRENTLY SUBJECT TO AIL, BEING FORWARDED BY AIRGRAM. ENDERS

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